

REMARKS

Applicants request reconsideration and allowance of the present application in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks.

Claims 2 and 4-18 are pending in the present application. Claims 2, 4, 14 and 15 are the independent claims.

Claims 1 and 3 have been cancelled without prejudice to or disclaimer of the subject matter recited therein. Claims 2 and 4 have been amended. No new matter is believed to have been added.

Initially, Applicants acknowledge with appreciation the indication that claims 14-18 are allowed and that 2-13 recite patentable subject matter and would be allowable if rewritten in independent form to include all of the features of the base claim and any intervening claims. Applicants have not amended any of allowed claims 14-18. Thus, it is respectfully submitted that claims 14-18 should remain allowed. By the present Amendment, Applicants have rewritten claims 2 and 4 in independent form to include all of the features of independent claim 1. Claims 5-13 depend either directly or indirectly from claim 4. Thus, it is respectfully submitted that claims 2 and 4-13 are now in allowable form.

Claim 1 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent 6,268,810 (Shim et al.). By the present Amendment, claim 1 has been cancelled. Thus, it is respectfully submitted that this rejection is moot. Further, it is to be appreciated that allowable claims 2-4 have been rewritten in independent form to include all of the features of cancelled independent claim 1.

In view of the foregoing, Applicants respectfully submit that the independent claims patentably define the present invention over the citations of record. Further, the dependent claims should also be allowable for the same reasons as their respective base claims and further due to the additional features that they recite. Separate and individual consideration of the dependent claims is respectfully requested. All rejections are respectfully traversed.

Applicants believe that the present Amendment is responsive to each of the points raised by the Examiner in the Official Action. However, if there are any formal matters remaining after this response, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned to attend to such matters.

There being no further outstanding objections or rejections, it is submitted that the


present application is in condition for allowance. An early action to that effect is courteously solicited.

If there are any additional fees associated with filing of this Amendment, please charge the same to our Deposit Account No. 19-3935.

Respectfully submitted,

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